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VILLAGE OF DOLGOE, NEAR THE HUNGARIAN BORDER. TERELYA HAS SPENT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS IN VARIOUS SOVIET CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS, HIS MOST RECENT ARREST OCCURING IN DECEMBER 1982. HIS LETTER APPEARS IN ISSUE NO. 8 OF THE SAMIZDAT PUBLICATION "CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UKRAINE" AND IS DATED JULY 9, 1984. AT THE TIME OF WRITING, THE AUTHOR WAS NOT INCARCERATED.

4. TERELYA WRITES THAT HE FIRST HEARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST SURROUNDING THE WALLENBERG CASE WHEN HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 1976. HE RECALLS HAVING MET A POLE NAMED VOROBAY, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE MET WALLENBERG'S DRIVER IN 1947. IN 1973, WHILE BEING HELD AT A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN THE SYCHOVSKIY SPECIAL CONCENTRATION CAMP, TERELYA MET A LITHUANIAN NAMED BOGDANAS WHO HAD SERVED IN THE NAZI WEHRMACHT AND WAS ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS IN 1945 AND PUT INTO A SPECIAL FOREIGNERS' CAMP IN THE NORIL'SKIY AREA. THERE BOGDANAS MET RAOUL WALLENBERG. IN 1951 THERE WAS A PRISON REVOLT IN NORIL'SKIY AND THE SURVIVING FOREIGNERS (ONLY 420 OUT OF AN ORIGINAL 7,000) WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE "SIXTH ZONE". IN 1953 BOGDANAS AND WALLENBERG WERE SENT TO A SPECIAL PRISON IN KAZAN' WHERE WALLENBERG WAS ALLEGEDLY TREATED FOR MEGALOMANIA DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE CLAIMED TO BE A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT. IN 1962, BOGDANAS LEFT KAZAN' AND NEVER SAW WALLENBERG AGAIN.

5. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN 1976, TERELYA FORMED THE UNOFFICIAL "UKRAINIAN COMMITTEE FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG" AND, WITH HIS SISTER AND OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, BEGAN A LENGTHY INVESTIGATION INTO THE EVENTS

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SURROUNDING THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT'S DISAPPEARANCE. IN 1981, TERELYA'S SISTER LOCATED A PERSON LIVING IN THE HUNGARIAN TOWN OF PIYCHE (SIC) WHO HAD WITNESSED WALLENBERG'S ARREST BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS. IN 1982, THE GROUP LOCATED A SOVIET OFFICER WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN WALLENBERG'S ARREST. THE OFFICER CLAIMED THAT A SOVIET CAPTAIN SERVING UNDER BREZHNEV (WHO WAS THEN A GENERAL WITH THE RED ARMY OCCUPATION FORCES IN HUNGARY) CONFISCATED WALLENBERG'S AUTOMOBILE. FEARFUL THAT WALLENBERG WOULD REPORT THE THEFT DIRECTLY TO SOVIET

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MARSHAL MALINOVSKIY, BREZHNEV ALLEGEDLY ORDERED THE ARREST OF BOTH WALLENBERG AND HIS DRIVER. THE TWO WERE CHARGED WITH BEING GERMAN SPIES WITHOUT DOCUMENTS AND SENT TO A PRISON IN UZHGOROD, ACROSS THE SOVIET BORDER. FROM THERE, WALLENBERG WAS SENT TO NORIL'SK.

6. TERELYA ENDS HIS LETTER WITH AN APPEAL TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO APPROACH THE SOVIETS ONCE AGAIN ON THE MATTER OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. HE STATES THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED TWO WITNESSES ARE PREPARED TO GIVE TESTIMONY BEFORE ANY INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE WALLENBERG CASE, BUT THAT HE PREFERS "QUIET DIPLOMACY." HE CONCLUDES BY VOICING HIS OWN APPREHENSIONS THAT PUBLICATION OF THIS LETTER WILL NO DOUBT RESULT IN HIS ARREST. HE STATES THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAD PREVIOUSLY WARNED HIM NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE WALLENBERG AFFAIR.

7. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW MUCH THIS ACCOUNT ADDS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ON WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. AT A MINIMUM, HOWEVER, IT WOULD SEEM TO AFFORD ADDED EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS ALIVE AFTER 1947, THE YEAR IN WHICH THE SOVIETS ALLEGE HE DIED. TERELYA HIMSELF HOLDS OUT NO HOPE THAT WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE, BUT BELIEVES THAT

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THE DIPLOMAT'S BODY SHOULD BE RETURNED. THE EMBASSY
SOURCE WHO PROVIDED US THIS ISSUE OF THE "CHRONICLE OF
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UKRAINE" IS CONSIDERED
RELIABLE. TERELYA IS KNOWN IN THE WEST AS A RELIGIOUS
ACTIVIST, AND HIS NUMEROUS INCARCERATIONS IN CAMPS AND
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED IN
REPUTABLE WESTERN PUBLICATIONS. END COMMENT.

8. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING COPY OF THE "CHRONICLE" TO
EUR/SOV BY POUCH.
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